

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 27-36 are pending. Claims 5 and 12-26 were canceled earlier by preliminary amendment.¹

I. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection:

All of the claims have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting in light of certain claims in USP 6,657,975. A Terminal Disclaimed is filed herewith to obviate this basis for rejection.

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Applicant believes pending claims 1-4, 6-11, and 27-36 to be patentable, and requests that a Notice of Allowance issue for these claims.

Should the Examiner have any question regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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¹ The Examiner accidentally indicated in the office action that claim 5 was pending, but this claim was earlier canceled through preliminary amendment.